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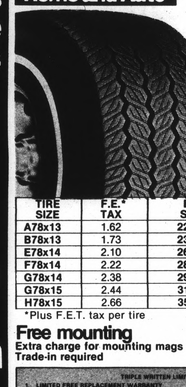

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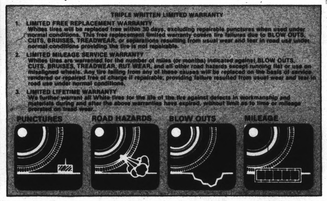

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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings from Martha St. When I removed the February sheet from by big wall calendar, I noticed that March is the same, save for three extra days. Both came in on a Thursday. Sundays are 5, 11, 18, 25. Paydays the same.

Does that mean the weather for March will duplicate what we had for February?

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Thanks for a 90-page issue of the Vero Beach, Florida Press-Journal, brought to me by Howlette B. "(Sonny") Martin. Had a special baseball section about the L. A. Dodgers, now in spring training there. Also, thanks to Mrs. Rachel Lawson for coming by to bring some books and papers, which I will mention after reading.

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The basketball season is about over and some fans have objected to the practice of slowing down the game, holding the ball for a final shot at the basket. A writer in a forum column has a suggestion.

In college basketball let the winner be the first team to get one hundred points. For high schools, eighty points. And, an agreed upon total for girls games, and pro games. Worth a try.

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There is a saying that oil and water do not mix. Let us try it, in a newspaper column. At the moment oil and water dominate the news. The good earth is fairly well soaked and lots of gardens are going to be late getting started. I had made up a list of seeds and plants to get, but my garden spot is flooded. Even at low tide. Some wit suggested that one town trained passing catfish to go by traffic lights. Underground water storage should carry us through dry summer months.

My garden has been plowed, but when can I have it disced? My friend who attends to this for me, will know, but odds are for a late start. And as to oil, it seems to dominate world news.

Ah yes, oil and water do indeed mix in the headlines. Mostly it concerns supply and demand and price. To get a different angle I looked up the word oil in my Bible Concordance and find oil mentioned was over a hundred times. The Holy Land, then as now, was oil country.

But in Bible times the most common oil in use was from the olive berry. It was used as a food, as a cosmetic, as a medicine, in offerings, for light and for ritual. The first mention of oil in the Bible is in Genesis 28:18, with Jacob as the first user. In II Kings 4:7 are the words "Go sell the oil and pay thy debts." In Ezekiel 32:14 we hear of "river that run like oil."

Micah 6:7 mentions "ten thousand of rivers of oil." The precious 23rd Psalm leads up to a climax of glory with the exultation that "Thou hast annointed my head with oil." In the New Testament there is the unforgetable account of the ten virgins, five having oil to light their lamps and five who were not so prepared. They had lamps and had trimmed the wicks, but oil was the key. Last Biblical mention of oil is in Revelation 18:13. Useful lessons might well be learned by studying other mentions of oil in the Bible, but do not get away from the belief that The Book has a tremendous variety of counsel and we do well to study it. I do not know how long we will be able to say "fill'er up" at the oil pump, but I do know that Bible reading and study will fill our mind, heart and soul.

Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Claude A. Anderson

Announces Candidacy For Reelection

Claude W. Anderson, incumbent of the 27th House District, including Amelia, Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland and Prince Edward Counties, announced today that he will be a candidate for reelection for this 7th term subject to the Democratic Primary on June 12, 1979.

Anderson has represented Appomattox in the House of Delegates since 1967 and is presently the 13th ranking member in the 100 member body. He has worked hard behind the scenes, in committees, sub-committees and on commissions to hold down taxes, improve school and road conditions and fight the ever encroaching tenticles of government control.

His committee assignments consist of Chairman of Mining and Mineral Resources Committee; the 2nd ranking member of the Finance Committee; the 5th ranking member of the Privileges and Elections Committee; the 2nd ranking member of the Militia and Police Committee and a ranking member of the Counties, Cities and Towns Committee.

For the last 10 years Anderson has been a member of the Virginia State Crime Commission where he presently serves as Chairman of the Sub-Committee for Compensation of Law Enforcement Officers; Chairman of the Sub-Committee for Youthful Offenders; and is a member of the Auto Theft Sub-Committee and the Jail Study Sub-Committee.

Other commissions and sub-committees on which he serves include the Election Law Study Committee; Chairman of the Privileges and Elections Sub-Committee for Passage of all State Constitution Amendments; Sales and Use Tax Exemptions Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee; and Chairman of the Join Senate and House Committee to Revise the Inheritance Tax Laws.

Claude is a native of Buckingham County, where he has practiced law since 1960, operates a cattle farm and also operates Anderson Trading Company, a country store. He is married to the former Nancy Grey Day and they have four sons, Claude W. Anderson, Raymond Anderson, Morgan Anderson and Peyton Anderson. A person who is active in his native County's affairs, Claude is a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church, The Buckingham Masonic Lodge; the Buckingham County Lions Club; Chairman of the Buckingham County Democratic Committee and Chairman of the Board of The Bank of Buckingham.

County Library Announces New Hours

The Appomattox County Library will be open Saturday, March 10th, and Saturday, March 24th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

This service is being tried at the recommendation of the Advisory Board of Friends of the Library to the Appomattox County School Board to see if there will be enough use of the Library to have the Saturday hours continued.

Hazardous Materials Workshop Offered March 10th

The Office of Emergency and Energy Services in conjunction with the Office of Fire Services Training is pleased to announce a five-hour hazardous materials workshop for local emergency services personnel. The workshop will be presented on Saturday, March 10th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Virginia Community College by the Family Lines System (Seaboard Coastline Railroad).

Subjects covered will include hazardous materials properties and identification, threat assessment, resource materials, and emergency response procedures.

All volunteer emergency personnel, paid medical personnel and interested persons are invited to attend this workshop, according to W. R. Britton, Jr., Emergency and Energy Services Coordinator for Appomattox County.

Britton Completes Instructors Workshop

W. R. Britton, Jr., Coordinator of Emergency and Energy Services for Appomattox, has completed a Hazardous Materials Instructors Workshop.

The workshop was held February 27, 28 and March 1st at the Roslyn Center in Richmond and was sponsored by the State Office of Emergency and Energy Services.

Cablevision Franchise Awarded To ARCO, Inc. by Town of Appomattox

In a recessed meeting of the Appomattox Town Council held recently, three bids were opened for the Cablevision Franchise for the Town of Appomattox.

Bids were submitted by Thomas Jefferson, Inc. of Lynchburg, Ronald Coleman of Appomattox, and ARCO, Inc. of Pennsylvania.

The Cablevision Franchise was awarded to ARCO, Inc., the low bidder and the most responsive bidder to the franchise.

There were two bidders in the County of Appomattox for Cablevision Franchise. The county did not award a franchise but are asking for resubmitted bids as neither of the two were responsive the County's Franchise Ordinance.

First Lady of the Year to be Chosen

A local woman will be recognized for accomplishments in her special field with the title of First Lady of the Year at a tea on March 25, 1979. A Certificate of Recognition will be presented to her at that time. In the meantime her name will be kept secret.

The First Lady program is sponsored by the local chapter Delta Zeta of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. It is presented to the woman of the community who has made an outstanding contribution in her respective field during the past year. Names of local women will be submitted to the membership of the sorority by a nominating committee. A panel of undisclosed judges selected from civic leaders will choose the one to be honored with the title of the First Lady of the Year.

MEMBERS OF THE SORORITY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE TITLE.

Women are increasingly making important contributions in community life, business, government, social welfare, research and education, Mrs. Christine Knight, President of Delta Zeta of Beta Sigma Phi Chapter believes. Beta Sigma Phi wishes to honor an outstanding woman of our community this year by special recognition.

Beta Sigma Phi is an international cultural and social organization with approximately 240,000 active members in about 10,500 chapter throughout the United States, Canada and twenty-one other countries and territories around the world. The sorority was founded in 1931 and maintains its International Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

Through the Beta Sigma Phi International Endowment Fund, chapters have contributed more than $280,000 for cancer research and more than $750,000 for other projects including Cystic Fibrosis research, Literacy Village in Lucknow, India, Girlstown, U.S.A., scholarships and other worthwhile projects. New projects are approved by the over-all membership from time to time.

The sorority's honorary membership includes such distinguished names as Margaret Chase Smith, opera star Eleanor Steber, and Rosalyn Carter.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Daniel E. Wooldridge of Roanoke.

Born in Lynchburg, Wooldridge spent his early years in an orphanage, graduated from Rustburg High School and Lynchburg College and did graduate work at the University of Virginia. He was teacher-coach at William Fleming High School until 1964 when he entered the life insurance business and currently has his own agency in Salem. He played professional baseball with Pittsburg; officiates high school basketball and football; college basketball in the Southern Conference, ACC, Ohio Valley, Sun Belt and Metro 7. He officiates college football in the Southern Conference and is also a soccer official.

He is a certified international basketball official, having worked the Olympics in 1976, the European Men's Championships in Belgium in 1977 and the World Invitational Tournament in April 1978. He is Commissioner of Officials for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, responsible for assignment of officials for football, basketball, wrestling and baseball for the 8 member schools.

All members will want to be present for this interesting and informative meeting.

GRADE SIX TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES NEXT YEAR

Parents of students in the present sixth grade are invited to attend a discussion of the course offerings and registration procedures for the school year 1979-80 to be held as follows:

Thurs., March 9 at 10 a.m. - Auditorium, Appomattox Elementary.

Thurs., March 8 at 11:30 a.m. - Pamplin Elementary School

Thurs., March 8 at 8:00 p.m. - Cafteria, Appomattox Middle School.

The purposes of each of these meetings are to familiarize parents and students with the course offerings that will be available and to explain registration procedures for the school year 1979-80. Personnel from the schools and the school board staff will be present to lead the discussion and to answer questions. It is hoped that parents will be present for one of the meetings that has been scheduled.

Information From Your EES Coordinator

When Flash Floods Hit Your Community

The Emergency and Energy Services Coordinator for Appomattox County, W. R. Britton, Jr., has released the following information telling you some facts about action to take if and when a flash flood would hit our community.

In case of heavy rains stay tuned to WTTX or WFLO, your local radio stations, for information from your coordinator.

WHAT ARE FLASH FLOODS?

Floods can be seasonal, as when winter or spring rains and melting snows drain down narrow tributaries and fill river basins with too much water too quickly. Other floods are sudden, the result of heavy precipitation - these are flash floods, raging torrents which rip through river beds after heavy rains surge over their banks and sweep away everything before them.

Flash floods occur in mountainous areas where torrential thunderstorm rains can change trickling little brooks into raging treacherous torrents of water. In urban areas where the flood plain has been converted to buildings, roads and parking lots, heavy rains can result in flash flooding with cars washed away and considerable damage sustained.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

On the average, each year, some 75,000 American are driven from their homes by floods; 90 persons are killed; and more than $250 million worth of property is damaged or destroyed.

In early April, 1977, 14 of Virginia's southwestern counties were hit by flash floods. The result of approximately 30 hours of torrential rain, the flooding was so severe that it was said that no one living in the area had ever experienced a flood to equal this one. Some 5,000 residences were destroyed by the floods and there was an estimated $240 million plus in property damage.

All of this is history, but you can prepare for future flooding.

WHAT CAN I DO?

BEFORE THE FLOOD keep on hand materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber; keep first aid supplies at hand; keep your automobile fueled; keep a stock of food which requires little cooking and no refrigeration; keep a portable radio, emergency cooking equipment, lights and flashlights in working order; and for more information, contact your local emergency services office.

WHEN A FLOOD WARNING IS RECEIVED store drinking water in clean bathtubs and in containers; if forced to leave your home and time permits, move essential items to safe ground; fill tanks to keep them from floating away; grease machinery; move to a safe area before access is cut off by flood water.

DURING THE FLOOD avoid areas subject to sudden flooding; do not attempt to cross a flowing stream where water is above your knees; do not attempt to drive over a flooded road - you can end up stranded.

AFTER THE FLOOD do not use fresh food that has come in contact with flood waters; test drinking water for potability; wells should be pumped out and the water tested; seek necessary medical care at the nearest hospital; do not visit disaster area, your presence might hamper rescue and emergency operations; do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas; use flashlights (not lanterns or torches) to examine buildings, flammables may be inside; report broken utility lines to appropriate authorities.

For information on flood insurance, contact your insurance representative or agency.

For additional information, you may contact W. R. Britton, Jr., Emergency and Energy Services Coordinator for Appomattox County.

CONCORD FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Concord Volunteer Fire Department has elected new officers for the 1979 year.

President is Carrington Martin; Vice President, James Goodwin; Treasurer, Frank Casper; Secretary, Kenneth E. Franklin, Sr.; and Chaplain is Glen Guthrie. Wayne Burge will serve as Chief; Wimpy Martin, 1st Assistant Chief; Tom Shupe, 2nd Assistant Chief; Gerald Inge, Captain; and Charlie Mayberry, Lieutenant. Three year directors elected are Ponzi Porterfield, Frank Morrison, and Ed Franklin.

Fire calls for the year of 1978 included 131 calls with 1904 manhours spent. A breakdown of the calls is as follows: 25 house fires, 37 brush fires, 15 car fires, 51 mutual aid, and 3 false alarms.

TRAINING COURSE OFFERED FIREMEN ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department will hold a training course for hazardous materials response on March 25th at the Appomattox Town Office.

This course is for firemen only.

U.D.C. To Meet

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet in the home of Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr. for its regular meeting on Thursday, March 15, at 12 o'clock.

All members are asked to bring a covered dish for lunch following the meeting.

TOWN TAGS GO ON SALE

Town motor vehicle tags will go on sale today, March 1st, at the Appomattox Town Office.

You must bring your registration card and town personal property tax receipt with you to purchase town tags.

Senior Citizens Discount Program Offers Reduced Prices

The Senior Citizen Discount Program sponsored by the Central Virginia Commission on Aging, offers all person over the age of 60 a wide variety of reductions on regular priced merchandise. Reductions are offered on such items as: automotive supplies, cleaning, clothing, craft shops, entertainment, food, hair care and furniture. Lists of the estimated 200 participating merchants can be obtained at the Central Virginia Commission on Aging office or at 301 Grove Street.

Since the onset of the Discount Program in 1975, approximately 5,000 elderly residents from the Central Virginia area, which includes the cities of Bedford, Lynchburg, and the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell and Bedford, have taken advantage of the reductions that range anywhere from 10 percent to 25 percent depending upon the merchandise offered and the merchant. Discounts are appreciated by the Senior particularly in view of today's high cost of living.

In order to obtain discounts from the participating local merchants, an identification card is required. Discount identification cards are issued through the discount office located in the Lynchburg Recreation Department building at 301 Grove Street, Lynchburg. Office hours are between 9 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday.

Mr. Fred Davis, a Senior Citizen Volunteer for the Commission on Aging's Discount Program, can accomodate groups in outlying areas by traveling to the designated area with the portable camera in order to issue the identification cards. Details on such an arrangement can be made by contacting Mr. Davis at 384-0372.

A second use of the discount card is for identification. The card contains the individual's picture, age and signature. The Central Virginia card is generally accepted by merchants nationwide for available discounts and customer privileges.

Merchants wishing to participate in the Discount Program should call or write Mr. Davis at the Central Virginia Commission on Aging, 2820 Linkhorne Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24503.

WOW DONATES TO CONCORD RESCUE SQUAD

A portable suction unit was donated to the Concord Rescue Squad by the Woodmen of the World from Rustburg. R. B. Moore, right above, made the donation that was accepted by Wayne Adie, Captain of Concord Rescue Squad, left, and Charles Raph, President of the squad, center above.

A DEKALB SEED CORN MEETING for farmers in the Appomattox area, sponsored by Martin's Seed & Fertilizer Service, was held Wednesday, March 28th, at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant. Shown in photo above, left to right, are Larry Hicks, Area Supervisor for DEKALB; Eddie Covington, local farmer who won the door prize - a bushel of DEKALB seed corn; Sammy Martin, sponsor of the area meeting; and R. M. Harris, local farmer who won the Southside Area Sileage Growing Contest and also received a plaque and two bushels of seed corn.

Approximately thirty local farmers were present to get the latest information on seed varieties and fertilizer data.